

**ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD ROOM  
1300 W. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ  
APRIL 21, 2010  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Reese Woodling, Chairman  
Tracey Westerhausen, Vice Chairman  
William Scalzo  
Arlan Colton  
Walter Armer

**Board Members Absent**

Maria Baier  
Larry Landry

**Staff Members Present**

Renée Bahl, Executive Director  
Jay Ream, Assistant Director, Parks  
Jay Ziemann, Assistant Director, Partnerships and External Affairs  
Kent Ennis, Assistant Director, Administration  
Monica Enriquez, Executive Assistant  
Brad McNeill, Chief, Information Technology  
Jeanette Hall, Chief, Human Resources  
Ellen Bilbrey, Public Information Officer  
Janet Hawks, Chief, Parks  
Doris Pulsifer, Chief, Budget and Payroll  
Miryom Snyder, Chief, Fiscal Services

**Attorney General's Office**

Laurie Hachtel, Assistant Attorney General  
Monique Coady, Assistant Attorney General

**A. CALL TO ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - ROLL CALL - Time Certain:  
9:00 A.M.**

Mr. Colton made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. Ms. Westerhausen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Woodling called for Executive Session at 9:10 a.m.

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Upon a public majority vote, the Board may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:**

**1. To discuss or consult with its legal counsel of legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.**

- a. Legal advice regarding concessions, procurement, and proposed legislation relative to the Board's authority as to those items.**

**C. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – Time Certain: 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Woodling called the Public Session to order at 10:10 a.m. Roll Call indicated a quorum was present.

**D. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**

Mr. Colton read the Board Statement.

1. **Board Statement** - "As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona's natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners."

The Board and staff introduced themselves including Alan Everett, a prospective Board member from Sedona.

- E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.

Dan Field, County Administrator, La Paz County. Mr. Field spoke in support of an agreement for Alamo Lake State Park. He said La Paz County is working with Parks staff and the Town of Wickenburg to fund Alamo Lake State Park and keep it open. He said the Town of Wickenburg Vice-Mayor is working diligently on fundraisers and getting donations. He said he hopes that Alamo Lake State Parks will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Major Leon Wilmot, Chief Deputy, Yuma County Sheriff's Office. Major Wilmot spoke in regards to Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF). He said he hoped the Board would not use LEBSF monies for operating parks. Ms. Westerhausen asked Major Wilmot if he would stay and answer questions when that agenda item is discussed.

Claudine Mohny, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park. Ms. Mohny said there was a fundraiser at Red Rock State Park the Saturday before the Board meeting. She said she hoped the agreement for Red Rock State Park would be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting. Mr. Scalzo asked if the City of Sedona has committed dollars to this effort? Ms. Mohny said they have not, as yet, but are looking at negotiating some in kind services from them. The City of Sedona may decide on what they will do at their next Council meeting. Chairman Woodling asked if staff is working to get this agreement in place before the park closure date of June 3. Ms. Bahl answered affirmatively and said the goal is to keep Red Rock open throughout next year. Chairman Woodling asked Mr. Everett if he would help with the City of Sedona when he is confirmed. Mr. Everett answered affirmatively.

Birgit Loewenstein, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park. She said she is hopeful that the City of Sedona will come forward and help to keep Red Rock open. She said there were many business leaders at the fundraiser held for Red Rock State Park.

Mitzi Rinehart, Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park. She said she has been working diligently in Apache Junction to raise money for Lost Dutchman State Park. She said one gentleman donated \$8,000. She said a volunteer has donated their time to create a website for them at [www.friendsoflostdutchman.com](http://www.friendsoflostdutchman.com). The Friends continue to have

fundraisers for Lost Dutchman State Park. There was a hike and also a motorcycle rally coming up. KNIX has been doing radio spots for free.

Steve Filipowicz, Economic Development Director, City of Apache Junction. Mr. Filipowicz spoke in support of Lost Dutchman State Park. He said the City and Friends group is three-fourths of the way to making the goal of raising \$24,000. He said even though an agreement has not been finalized the City is already marketing Lost Dutchman State Park on their website. Chairman Woodling thanked Mr. Filipowicz for the use of their facility at the March meeting. Mr. Filipowicz said there is a standing invitation to host a Parks Board meeting each year.

Chairman Woodling read into record comments from Carol Cullen, Tubac Historical Society, who supports keeping Tubac Presidio State Park open. The comments are included with these minutes.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA** – The following items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation regarding these items prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting, as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office: 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.

**1. Approve Minutes of March 17, 2010 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**

**2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of March 17, 2010 Parks Board Meeting**

Mr. Colton made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Ms. Westerhausen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bahl said there were some special events held at some of the parks since the last Board meeting. The Mariachi Festival was held at Patagonia Lake on March 20. State Parks received over \$4,000 in revenue from the event. The Arizona State Parks Foundation funded \$4,000 to host the event. She said State Parks was able to keep the revenue and 1,200 people attended and it was a great success. At Picacho Peak the wildflowers did not produce a banner year, but the visitation almost doubled compared to last year at the same time (in March). The revenues for this year were \$89,000 and for last year they were \$50,000. They also held the Civil War in the Southwest event but it was really the wildflowers that brought people in. Fort Verde held the History of the Soldier event in mid-April. This event brought in \$2,000 and signed up new volunteers. She said about 600 people attended the event.

Ms. Bahl said there are a few marketing and partnership efforts going on as well. Arizona Highways launched a 16-month effort. For every new or renewed subscriptions to Arizona Highways \$5 of the \$24 subscription can be marked off to parks. It can go to a specific park or to the Arizona State Parks Foundation but all of the monies will be funneled through the Parks Foundation. The goal of the promotion is not just for money but also for publicity. Arizona Highways' goal is to have 20,000 subscriptions to State Parks. This will bring in about \$100,000 so it won't solve the budget problems but people

will find out about State Parks through this effort. There is another promotion with Bashas grocery stores. When you visit a Bashas store in April you were asked to donate money for Parks. (A 30-second clip was played with voice over by Marshall Trimble). Ms. Bahl said that in the first ten days of the promotion over \$9,000 was collected. She said the stores include all of Bashas' properties including AJ's, Food City and Eddie's. She said there is also a partnership with Dasani water. When people buy water a 24-pack of the 0.5-liter bottles in Arizona, \$1 of the \$3.99 (price at Bashas) up to \$5,000 will go to the State Parks Foundation. This money will be used for recycling and purchasing garbage bags throughout the parks. Last year State Parks spent over \$25,000 on garbage bags. This promotion will help save money and get State Parks' name out there. She said the Friends groups are out there helping and they had a PSA on KTAR Radio for Lost Dutchman. (The PSA was played). She said that Friends groups are creating new websites, being active on Facebook, having fundraisers and are rallying at the grass roots efforts. She said Arizona State Parks wouldn't be here without their support. Ms. Westerhausen asked if the fundraiser events are posted on State Parks' website? Ms. Bahl said the promotions with Arizona Highways, Dasani water and Bashas are posted on the website. Ms. Westerhausen asked if it was possible to link to the websites of the Friends groups. Ms. Bahl said State Parks links to the Arizona State Parks Foundation. Mr. Scalzo congratulated staff. He said they have gone all over the state to meet with people and developed new friendships. He said these are critical partnerships and a great reflection of the outstanding State Parks staff.

## **H. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Legislative Update**

Mr. Ziemann said the second regular session is winding down now. He said HCR 2040 (Governor's Task Force Recommended bill) is still being held in House Appropriations and is certainly dead. He said State Parks has supported SB 1349 (provides emergency procurement authority for State Parks) and was scheduled for action on the House Floor on April 21. HB 2464 (Would require State Parks to lease Lake Havasu State Park to Lake Havasu City) passed through the Rules Committee on April 19. He said he and Ms. Bahl met with Senate President Burns, Senator Gould and representatives from Lake Havasu City. He said Ms. Bahl would meet with Interim City Manager Charlie Cassens as directed by the Senate President to explore mutually beneficial ideas. He said HB 2599 (Sustainable State Parks Fund; Voluntary Contributions) is Rep. Kavanagh's bill. IBM, ADOT's computer consultant, has told them it would cost \$200,000 to implement the bill. He said that is a one-time cost and there are approximations that it will cost \$90,000 to \$100,000 on-going costs to implement and run the program. There are concerns about who will pay for that. He said it was scheduled for action in the Senate on April 21.

Chairman Woodling asked if HB 2464 passed the House, what would the Senate have to do? Mr. Ziemann answered the President is waiting to see what happens in State Parks' meetings with Lake Havasu City. He said that there are still many hurdles that this bill must pass through to get to the Governor's desk. Chairman Woodling asked if the bill does not pass before the session adjourns does the bill die? Mr. Ziemann answered affirmatively. He said the bill dies if it is not voted on by the time the session adjourns. Ms. Westerhausen asked if this bill has a prospect of passing? Mr. Ziemann answered that any bill that is moving through the system has an opportunity to pass. Mr. Colton

commented that he thinks it strange that Legislators in other districts would support a bill that is good for one city and not all of Arizona. Mr. Field asked if the consequences of this bill would have the affect of closing other parks. Chairman Woodling answered affirmatively. Mr. Field said his Board of Supervisors has been in contact with the Legislature. Mr. Scalzo asked Mr. Field if we would talk to the County and City Organizations. Mr. Field said he would make a point to talking to them. Mr. Armer said he would encourage anyone to send an email to their Legislature. Ms. Westerhausen said the City has complaints about the improvements that need to be made at the Park. She asked if this was legitimate? Ms. Bahl said there is a definite need for major maintenance at Lake Havasu but State Parks does not have the funds right now. She said she is looking to see if there are ways to work for the common goal.

## **2. Review of 2010 7<sup>th</sup> Special Session Budget Actions to Arizona State Parks**

Mr. Ennis provided an overview of the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Session and talked about how State Parks is doing on revenues. State Parks was hit for the third time in FY 2010 with \$129,000 in fund changes. He said State Parks would be hit again in FY 2011 with \$2.8 million in fund reductions and transfers and another \$1.4 million in excess balance transfers. He said they have also hit the Enhancement Fund with \$1.9 million. According to State Parks' tally, the Enhancement Fund, since the summer of 2009, is scheduled to be hit by \$12 million and includes this \$1.9 million. Some of the highlights of the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Session are the statutes relating to the State Parks' Heritage Fund will be eliminated June 30, 2011 and deposits to the Heritage Fund stopped January 31, 2010. He said Arizona State Parks' typical deposit of \$10 million was short by \$3.9 million. The statutes also indicate that any funds left in the Heritage Fund after June 30, 2011 will revert to the General Fund.

He said the Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) allows the monies to be used for operations except for \$500,000 in FY 2011 that shall be allocated to La Paz and Mohave Counties. Mr. Scalzo asked if LEBSF is less than what was taken from the Enhancement Fund. Ms. Bahl answered affirmatively. She said LEBSF would bring in about \$2 million so it is a wash. Mr. Scalzo said that when the Legislature took that from users (Enhancement Fund), they jeopardized all of the other programs as a result.

Ms. Westerhausen asked why are La Paz County and Mohave County exempted from the issue but not Yuma County? Ms. Bahl answered that only La Paz and Mohave Counties were exempted by statute and she said she assumes it is because of their lobbying efforts. Chairman Woodling asked if the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) approved all of the interagency transfers at their April 20 meeting? Ms. Bahl said JLBC gave a favorable review to the agency's backfills. She said it took all of the Heritage Fund project and grant monies and moved them to the Enhancement Fund and State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) as ASP requested.

Mr. Ennis continued. He said another highlight in the 7<sup>th</sup> special session was the Land Conservation or Growing Smarter Fund. Sweeping this fund will be subject to voter approval on the November ballot. If voters agree, the entire balance, both the project money and agency operating money, will be transferred to the General Fund.

He said that almost all state employees would lose performance pay and be on forced furloughs. Employees must take six days each in FY 2011 and FY 2012. There was an

exemption for State Parks' sworn Law Enforcement officers and wastewater employees. That is 50 - 52 employees.

Chairman Woodling asked about the Growing Smarter Fund. He asked if that passes that State Parks will lose the interest on that which is over \$1 million? Mr. Ennis answered affirmatively. He said State Parks is earning about \$1.8 million off of that right now and would lose at least \$900,000 for FY 2011. He said that would be a loss to our budget next year and in the future. Chairman Woodling asked if that interest amount for operations or is some of it for improvements or maintenance? Mr. Ennis answered that \$500,000 of it goes toward the Land Conservation Fund program but the rest of it (about \$1.5 or more) goes to agency operations.

Mr. Armer asked if the Game & Fish Department lost the Heritage Fund monies as well. Mr. Ennis answered no. He said that only the State Parks portion was eliminated. Ms. Bahl explained that it was proposed to eliminate both State Parks' and Game and Fish's portions but as the session progressed, Game and Fish was able to get theirs back. Chairman Woodling said the loss of the Heritage Fund upset him greatly. He said he wanted to put it in the record that there is definitely some feeling in the Legislature that they want to shut down State Parks. He said there is lots of money that the Parks generate in these rural communities and it is being taken away.

### **3. Update on revenue forecast, cash balance, operating budget, and cash flow by fund**

Mr. Ennis spoke next about Revenues. He said there are interesting things happening with the Enhancement Fund (revenues and attendance at the Parks). He said revenues were behind in February but caught up dramatically in March. Revenues for March were up 18% because of the increase in the fee structure. He said attendance is up year-to-date but has dropped from 15,000 people compared to last March. Chairman Woodling asked how many years has the Enhancement Fund been swept? Mr. Ennis answered that \$12.8 million has been swept or funds were transferred since June of 2009. Ms. Bahl asked Mr. Ennis how much of all State Parks funds has been swept or transferred overall. Mr. Ennis answered that \$71 million has been swept in all of the funds combined and that includes the 7<sup>th</sup> special session.

He said the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Fund had an anniversary in February of the decal fee. He said State Parks is running a bit behind on the forecast and is 10% down. He said this may be because people are delaying registration or because of the economy but there is no evidence to show this. Mr. Ennis said interest earnings continue to disappoint. Mr. Scalzo commented that he thought the reason monies aren't coming in for OHV is because of the sweeps. He said people apply for grants and then they get rescinded. Ms. Westerhausen agreed and said the decal was in effect for a short time before it was first swept.

### **4. Update on State Park Construction Projects**

Mr. Ream said there are still some capital improvement projects going on. He said most of these have federal matches. He said there are four major ones. He showed a before and after picture from the Buckskin sewage lift station. The budget is about \$150,000 for this project. He said it came in at \$68,000 because State Parks was able to re-use and re-surface the well. He said all of the components are new and the entire lift station was replaced. Chairman Woodling asked Mr. Ream how old that system that was replaced

was? Mr. Ream answered it was approximately 20-years old. Mr. Scalzo asked if Buckskin Mountain was a concession operated facility? Mr. Ream answered that there is a concession at Buckskin Mountain State Park and it is a very old concession that was in place before State Parks had the Enhancement Fund. He said it expires in 2018. Mr. Scalzo asked how much revenue it produces? Mr. Ream answered that it is not a significant amount of revenue. He said it is about 2% of the concessionaire's gross. Mr. Scalzo asked if the revenue is greater than what was spent on the capital improvements? Mr. Ream answered that it is about the same. Mr. Ream said the next capital project is the Jerome stabilization. He said the main house (Douglas Mansion) is completed. It is one of the largest adobe houses in the State of Arizona. There is still decay in the Carriage House in the major roof beams.

Mr. Ream said the next project is the Slide Rock maintenance building, sewage treatment plant, retention basin and two restrooms. He said this is a \$1.9 million Heritage Fund and federal match. He said this is the biggest project going on right now. He said the restrooms would replace about six port-a-jons currently near the Slide. It is a state of the art water treatment facility as the water is reused in re-flushing toilets and will also be able to use the water for fire fighting and irrigation of the apple crop. Mr. Scalzo asked if this is largest capital project and which community does this benefits? Mr. Ream answered that it benefits Coconino County and Sedona. Mr. Scalzo noted that State Parks is putting \$1.9 million into that area and the City does not have \$50,000 to help keep Red Rock open? Chairman Woodling asked if the \$1.9 million is the total cost or just State Parks' portion. Mr. Ream answered that it is the total cost. Chairman Woodling commented that this Slide Rock is one of the parks staying open and it generates revenue. He asked how much revenue would it generate into the Enhancement Fund? Ms. Bahl answered that Slide Rock brings in about a quarter of a million visitors annually, and with the new fees, the estimates for FY 2011 is that it will net about \$350,000.

Mr. Ream said the next big project is Buckskin Mountain State Park. He said this is a \$190,000 project of beach stabilization of the cabana area. He said the Colorado River is receding the beach area. He said the water well is approximately 30-35-years old. The water treatment plant at River Island (unit of Buckskin) is also nearly 30-years old. He said the water has taken its toll on the tank. This is part of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) consent order. There will also be work on a new restroom and shower facility at Buckskin Mountain and is a federally matched project. The project at Lost Dutchman is also a federally matched grant. The campsites will be electrified and there will be a new restroom building. Chairman Woodling asked how much money total State Parks are using toward capital improvement projects right now? Ms. Bahl said it is about \$9 million.

## **I. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Consider Revision of FY 2010 Operating Budget** – Staff recommends that the FY 2010 agency operating budget be reduced by \$346,700 due to the legislated reduction in State Parks Heritage Fund revenues and the resulting reduction in available operating funds. Staff further recommends that the Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) for FY 2010 be retained by State Parks to use for agency operations in FY 2011.

Mr. Ennis spoke about revisions to the 2010 operating budget. He said staff tried to recognize the items that have either been forced on us by the Legislative action or other changes. There are two items. One is the loss of the Heritage Fund of \$3.9 million in the second half of 2010 and that created an indirect reduction in the operating budget of \$346,000. He said there are approximately \$10 million of sweeps that have to be made this year. There are a total of sweeps and fund transfers totaling \$23 million. He said State Parks is still in a severe cash flow crisis particularly because of hits to the operating fund, Enhancement Fund and SLIF. The action items recognize this budget reduction to Heritage Fund because of the loss of the \$3.9 million and because of the critical nature of cash flow in the Operations and Enhancement Funds. The body that oversees and recommends the LEBSF is the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC). AORCC met two weeks ago and discussed the staff's recommendation that grants utilizing FY 2010 monies be withheld and not be distributed in order to provide cash to go into next fiscal year. He said staff recommends that Arizona State Parks adopt this change and also withhold those grants as per the recommendation which was passed by AORCC. Chairman Woodling said that Mr. Ennis mentioned previously that there were \$10 million in sweeps. Chairman Woodling asked Mr. Ennis if that was in the current fiscal year? Mr. Ennis answered that State Parks has had \$23 million total in sweeps in this fiscal year and out of that \$10 million is operations related. Ms. Bahl clarified that it is \$10 million out of the recommended amount that will be swept. Mr. Colton said that in essence State Parks has out of \$23 million budget but only \$10 million can be used. Ms. Bahl answered affirmatively but reminded the Board that with the JLBC ruling that the total is actually closer to \$14 million. Mr. Scalzo said that is still far short of what is needed to operate. Ms. Bahl answered affirmatively and said State Parks need about \$30-\$34 million to operate. Mr. Colton asked a question of Major Wilmot. He said if this action takes place that Yuma County would not have funding for three officers. He asked what that is in terms of the entire staff of Yuma County? Major Wilmot answered that there are three officers total.

**Tracey Westerhausen:** I move that the Arizona State Parks Board FY 2010 agency operating budget be reduced by \$346,700 due to the legislated reduction in State Parks Heritage Fund revenues and the resulting reduction in available operating funds. I further move that the LEBSF for FY 2010 be retained by State Parks to use for agency operations in FY 2011.

Mr. Colton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Baier and Mr. Landry absent.

- 2. Consider Endorsing an Agreement with Apache County for the operation of Lyman Lake State Park through September 7, 2010** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Apache County for the reopening and operation of Lyman Lake State Park through September 7, 2010.

Mr. Ream said the next item is the agreement with Apache County to reopen Lyman Lake State Park. He said Apache County would not be operating the Park, Arizona State Parks will. The major components are that the park will reopen May 24 through September 7, 2010. The County will provide the Board with \$40,000 to cover the shortfall



of the operating at the Park. The Parks Board will retain the fees during that time. He said staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of this agreement with Apache County for the reopening and operation of Lyman Lake State Park through September 7, 2010. He said on April 6, the County Board of Supervisors took action to approve this \$40,000 and they also voted to support the Sustainable funding source bill (HCR 2040).

**Bill Scalzo:** I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Apache County for the reopening and operation of Lyman Lake State Park through September 7, 2010.

Mr. Armer seconded the motion. Mr. Colton said the Board has great appreciation for Apache County. Mr. Scalzo said Lyman Lake is a great park with a wonderful Fourth of July event. He said there are camping and fishing facilities. He said it would be a loss if that were closed in the summer months to a lot of people who can't afford to go very far and can't afford expensive resorts. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Baier and Mr. Landry absent.

3. **Consider Retroactively Endorsing an Agreement with Santa Cruz County for the operation of Tubac Presidio State Historic Park** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board retroactively endorse the major components of the agreement with Santa Cruz County for the operation of the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park.

Mr. Ream said on March 24, Director Bahl notified the Parks Board that she would not exercise her authority to close Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. Instead negotiations began on an agreement with Santa Cruz County to operate and maintain the Park. The agreement is under approval from the Attorney General's Office at this time. He said the major components are one-year term with two possible one-year renewals. Santa Cruz County will retain revenues. Mr. Ream said staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board retroactively endorse the major components of the agreement with Santa Cruz County for the operation of Tubac Presidio State Historic Park.

**Wally Armer:** I move that the Arizona State Parks Board retroactively endorse the major components of the agreement with Santa Cruz County for the operation of Tubac Presidio State Historic Park.

Mr. Colton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Baier and Mr. Landry absent.

4. **Consider Alterations of Planned Park Closures** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board reopen Lyman Lake State Park on May 24, 2010 and revise the closing date to September 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. MST.

Mr. Ream gave the Board an update on the status of all the parks. He began with parks that are closed to the public. One is Homolovi Ruins State Historic Park. The buildings and resident areas have been sealed off. Staff is now doing some stabilization through

the Archaeological Conservancy, Northern Arizona Museum and the University of Arizona on the ruins.

Mr. Ream said the next park to discuss is Lyman Lake State Park. He said staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board reopen Lyman Lake State Park on May 24, 2010 and revise the closing date to September 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. MST. Chairman Woodling asked if the Director has the authority to reopen parks. Ms. Bahl answered no. She said only the Board can reopen a park.

**Bill Scalzo:** I move that the Arizona State Parks Board reopen Lyman Lake State Park on May 24, 2010 and revise the closing date to September 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. MST.

Mr. Colton seconded the motion. Chairman Woodling asked for questions or comments from the Board. Ms. Westerhausen commented that two of the efforts to keep parks open are done with the Game and Fish Department - Alamo and Roper Lakes. She said the Legislature may be dividing Parks from Game and Fish but there is no ill will directed at Game and Fish. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Baier and Mr. Landry absent.

Mr. Colton said the thought there was a question in a previous Board meeting about how the Homolovi Ruins would be closed because of a certain road. He asked if that problem had been resolved? Mr. Ream said the road is not accessible right now because the Colorado River flows over it but it may be an issue in the future. He said there is a Parks Law Enforcement officer that patrols that park and that is one of the reasons staff left one Ranger on staff there. Chairman Woodling asked if there has been movement with the Hopi Tribe to work with State Parks on that Park. Ms. Bahl answered that there is some interest and discussions with the Hopi Tribe to acquire Homolovi Ruins. She said the issue remains that most of the Park is State Trust Land and the Hopi don't have operational money. She said State Parks and the Hopi Tribe are still looking for mutual ground.

Chairman Woodling asked if there was an update for Oracle. Mr. Ream said there is a concert series there to raise money for the Friends group and on the days of the concert series the Park will be open. Chairman Woodling asked if there is any movement on San Rafael Ranch? Mr. Ream said there is no report at this time. Mr. Ream reported that for McFarland State Historic Park he is working with the Town of Florence on a similar situation that has happened for the Yuma Quartermaster Depot. He said Jerome State Historic Park is still under construction and there are prospects from Yavapai County, the Town of Jerome and the Jerome Historical Society.

Mr. Ream then moved to discuss parks open to public by agreement. He said Fort Verde is open to the public 5 days per week with the help of the Town of Camp Verde but with State Parks' employees. Riordan Mansion is open to the public with the Arizona Historical Society and the Riordan Action Network and some of State Parks' staff and some of the Historical Society staff. Tombstone Courthouse is open to the public with the City of Tombstone. Tonto Natural Bridge is open through the summer month with

help from the City of Payson and with State Parks' staff. Chairman Woodling asked what the date of closure is for Tonto Natural Bridge? Mr. Ream answered that it is set for September 27, 2010. He said Tubac Presidio State Historic Park is now operated by Santa Cruz County with the agreement with the Tubac Historical Society. Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park is now being operated by the City of Yuma as well as the Yuma Quartermaster Depot. Ms. Bahl pointed out that for those parks being operated by another entity that the revenues go to that entity.

Mr. Ream next spoke about parks slated to close June 3. He said for Alamo Lake, as Mr. Field spoke earlier, staff is working with La Paz County to keep that park open with State Parks' staff. He said for Lost Dutchman staff is working with the Friends of Lost Dutchman and the City of Apache Junction. Most of the money needed has been raised already. He said an additional ranger would be kept during construction to keep the trailhead and trails open during construction. Mr. Scalzo asked if Pinal County is involved? Mr. Ream answered no. Ms. Bahl said Pinal Partnership has been active toward Picacho Peak. That is mainly business leaders from the area but not the County government. Mr. Ream said for Picacho Peak, the City of Eloy has taken the fundraising effort and will be addressing the City Council on April 26 and Mr. Ream said he will be in attendance. He said for Red Rock State Park, the Benefactors of Red Rock gave a better update during the public session. There will be a Sedona City Council meeting and State Parks staff will attend that as well. Ms. Bahl said staff is working with the City of Sedona and they have been supportive just not in the way of money. Chairman Woodling said that Red Rock is an environmental and learning park. He asked if there is any way this park could serve in a different way to increase visitation. Ms. Bahl answered that staff is always looking at that and has been working with the Chamber to bring in more groups.

Chairman Woodling asked Ms. Birgit Loewenstein to speak on this subject. Ms. Loewenstein said the problem with having large events at Red Rock State Park is that staffing is not there. She said that large events are planned well in advance and some of these event planners may have gone elsewhere. Chairman Woodling suggested Ms. Loewenstein meet with staff on these recommendations.

Mr. Ream then spoke about Roper Lake State Park. He said staff is working with Graham County on an agreement. He said the County is not offering funding but offering many in-kind opportunities to help the Park remain open. Roper Lake was kept open from March 29-June 3 with an agreement with the Game and Fish Department. He said at the May Board Meeting, the Board will move on the five parks scheduled to close on June 3.

Mr. Armer commented that he visited Patagonia and staff is worried that the whole park system is shutting down. He also commented that the employee said there are many complaints about the changes in the rules for the annual passes. Mr. Colton suggested looking at the rules for annual passes as a future agenda item.

Chairman Woodling then said that this would be Mr. Colton's last Board Meeting. A few words of recognition were said about Mr. Colton and he was thanked for his work on the Board. Mr. Alan Everett was nominated by Governor Brewer.

**J. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.
2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

Ms. Bahl said there would be a number of agenda items at the next meeting including a number of agreements. The meeting will be in the greater Phoenix area. Mr. Colton said there might be a future agenda item on how to deal with recent gun legislation that was passed. He said the Board and staff might want to address that.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Scalzo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Colton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board Meeting ended at 12:42 p.m.

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APPROVED:

*Reese Woodling*

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Reese Woodling, Chairman

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